



The Nuncio

Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes



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Secretary: Halena Estep
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Music Director : Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm
Parish Office
Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at St. Elizabeth:
Tuesday - 12:05 pm
Wednesday—Friday 7:30 am
Saturday Vigil at St. Elizabeth 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes 9:00 am
Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth 7:30 and 10:30 am

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome!
You may register in person or by calling the Parish Center.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:45 pm
Or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Center for registration and reservation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Aloy no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Aloy.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Call the Parish Center for additional information.

Sunday, June 14, 2015
Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Jesus said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?"

Mark 4:30



Mass Intentions

June 13	4:30 pm	Ed Halter by Joe & Carol Hepner
June 14	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy Kirk Wirey by Terry & Lynne Roche Harry Wong by Jerry Chapman
June 15		NO MASS
June 16	12:05 pm	Florence Huss by Steve & Geri Ezell
June 17	7:30 am	Harry Wong by Rebecca Roth Nightingale
June 18	7:30 am	Ed Halter by CCW
June 19	7:30 am	Communion Service
June 20	4:30 pm	Kevin Murray by The Murray Family
June 21	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Favorable Weather Harry Wong by Sharon Skaggs Archie & Imogene Dorn by The Dorn Family



Ministry Schedule

June 20-21 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR:	Mary Jo Bonham
	USHERS:	Teresa & Gene Gower
	COMMUNION MIN:	Jack & Marilyn Stanley Ginger Osborne
	SERVERS:	Ty Mullins, Abby Mullins
	GIFTS:	Griffin Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR:	David Jenkins
	USHERS:	Jona & Mike Uptmor
	COMMUNION MIN:	Joe Hepner, Jim & Shari Eckert
	SERVERS:	Melissa Jenkins, Jacob Eckert
	GIFTS:	Eckert Family
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR:	Kourtney Coffman
	USHERS:	Ron & Ethel Dhom
	COMMUNION MIN:	Keith Wirey, Stacie Matson
	SERVERS:	Kayla Matson
	GIFTS:	Dhom Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR:	Josh Quick
	USHERS:	Kandice & Chuck Richey
	COMMUNION MIN:	Roselene Quick, Carol Wong, Phyllis Inboden
	SERVERS:	Joe Quick, Sam Quick
	GIFTS:	Knoblett Family

St. Elizabeth Collection Counters

June: Ione Lopiccolo, Alan Maddox, Ellen Rees

Mom's Group meets on Friday's 9:00 am — 10:30 am

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Patti Ackerman, Theresa Bowen, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Bobbie Cheesman, Amie Cornwell, Ben Curtis, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Daniel Hatfield, Judy Hester, Mildred Hinterscher, Jared Holmes, Nancy Huber, Charlie Hryniewicz, George Inboden, Ira Inboden, Kevin Kirk, MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Rev. Dennis Kollross, Emma Kocher, Cindy Lewis, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Chuck Reinoehl, Angie Rhoten, Mary Rogers, Arlene Schutte, Marian Scott, Billy Skaggs, John Skaggs, Judy Smolinski, Lorraine Snerecky, John Stedelin, Linda Wedge-Stephens, Mike & Isabella & Nolan Stephens, Pamela Stephenson, Nolan (Butch) Stewart, Linda Stewart, Cherie Stewart, Bertha Taylor, Mark Wagner, Becky VanSchoyck, Ginny Varner, Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.

Youth Pilgrimage Update

As of 06/01/2015, due to the generosity of our parishioners and the community we have raised \$15,875.19 of our \$35,000.00 goal. Meeting our goal of \$35,000.00 would make the trip free for all participants. If you wish to contribute to the trip fund you may use the gray envelopes included in your monthly mailing, write a check payable to St. Elizabeth or give online through Give Central. Thank you for your support.

On **Friday, June 19, 2015**, First Robinson Savings Bank will be sponsoring a cookout to support the Youth Pilgrimage to see Pope Francis. This cookout will be held from **10:30 am-1:00 pm** and free will donations are appreciated. Please be sure to stop by & have some lunch.

PSR

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Totus Tuus will be held July 12-17, 2015. The elementary program is for students entering 1st-5th grade and is from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The Jr./Sr. High program is for students entering 6th-12th grade and is from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per student. Contact Courtney Ferris with any questions.

We are in need of volunteers to house the two young men from our Totus Tuus team. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Courtney Ferris ASAP.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

The Bible often draws upon the natural world to exhibit lessons in faith. Isaiah used the image of a vineyard; Jesus spoke of fig trees. In this reading, Ezekiel turns to the trees of the forest to teach the leaders of Israel about the power of God.

In verses leading up to this reading, the prophet recasts recent events as an elaborate riddle. The kingdoms of Babylon and Egypt are represented by great eagles. In contrast, the royal house of Israel is represented first by a small cutting from a cedar tree and then by a lowly vine. Babylon took into exile Israel's king (like a small twig from a cedar). The king's uncle (a lowly vine) was allowed to rule in his place. But in time, this uncle reached out to Egypt for help, breaking away from the clutches of Babylon. But Ezekiel wants his listeners to understand that their scheme to break away from Babylon will fail. They will never find lasting security by such elaborate political maneuverings.

The prophet counters the faulty plans of the royal court with God's plan; it will not fail. God will select a tender shoot from the royal house of David and will nurture it into a majestic cedar tree. The lesson Ezekiel

makes here is that, only by placing trust in the Lord God of Israel, will the people gain true peace and lasting prosperity. Human efforts have their limitations; reliance on God will bring about dramatic changes. The humble (lowly trees) will find honor; the weary (withered trees) will find strength and hope. Jesus used parables when speaking about the kingdom of God. Parables are rich in metaphors which open up to the reader/hearer wide possibilities of meaning. In the two parables presented today, our focus is drawn to seeds and how they grow.

The first parable reflects a first century farming mentality. Farmers knew that, if seeds were planted, many of them would grow. They did not have our modern understanding of the science of agriculture. The way seeds grew into plants was a mystery in those days. This mysterious process was a good example to apply to how the kingdom of God grows. The seeds of the gospel are sown, and somehow the kingdom of God emerges. For the first-century farmer and preacher, this process was as much about faith as science. Someone sows the seeds and miraculously God makes them grow.

Learn How Your House of Worship Can Help Heal Moral Injury

JOIN US on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at:

2:00pm EDT 1:00pm CDT 12:00pm MDT 11:00am PDT
to attend this important final FREE webinar dealing with the subject of [Moral Injury](#) and how your house of worship can help heal this invisible wound of war.

All registrants will receive a link to the publication: *They*

Don't Receive Purple Hearts. www.militaryoutreachusa.org

Pennies for the Pope

"Pennies 4 the Pope" will begin on **Sun. Jun. 21, 2015** and end on **Sun. Jul. 19, 2015**. Collection containers will be distributed at all masses on the 21st and collected on the

Fortnight for Freedom

Fortnight for Freedom Diocesan events: Prayer Rally, **Tues, June 23, Noon**, Lincoln statue at the State Capitol.

Fortnight for Freedom Lecture with Dr. Matthew J. Franck, **Sun., June 28, 12:30 pm**, Cathedral Atrium.

The Day of Prayer for Life

The Day of Prayer for Life will be held **Wed. June 24th** at the St. Francis Church, Teutopolis, IL. Mass is at **8:00 am**, followed by Eucharistic Exposition & Prayer, & closing with Mass at 7:00 pm.

Tickets for Bishop Creek's Play

Tickets for Bishop Creek's Sesquicentennial play, "The Treasure of Shiver River" (a melodrama comedy) are now on sale. Doors will open at 7:00 pm for all evening performances **June 25, 26 & 27 at the St. Aloysius Parish Center with play activities starting at 7:30 pm**. These ticket prices will be \$20.00 for those 21 and over and \$10.00 for those younger. Wine, water, soft drinks and snacks are included with the ticket price. Beer will also be available for purchase. **On Sunday, June 28th, a matinee will be presented at 2:00 pm with doors open at 1:30 pm**. All ticket prices for the Sunday matinee will be \$10.00. No alcohol provided but soft drinks & snacks are included with price of tickets. Please stop by or call St. Aloysius parish office at 217-925-5788 during business hours Mon.-Fri. for tickets. Proceeds go to benefit retired Franciscan priests & religious.

Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken on **Sun. June 28th**. The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with Pope Francis & his works of charity toward those in need.

Upcoming Meetings

The Finance Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at St. Elizabeth at 6:00 pm**.
The Buildings & Ground & Finance Meeting will be on **Thursday, July 9, 2015 at OLOL at 6:00 pm**.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference will be on **Saturday, July 25, 2015**. The Office of Catholic Charismatic Renewal has been working diligently to provide an inspiring experience for all who attend. The theme this year is *"In His Will is Our Peace."* You may access information at www.ccr-cdop.org or call Angela Ham, Conference Administrator at (309) 210-2067.

Catholic Charities-Rambling Rose

Catholic Charities in Effingham will bring the Rambling Rose Bus to St. Elizabeth on **Aug. 14, 2015 from 4-6 p.m.**

Parish Picnic

The annual Parish Picnic will be held on **Sun. Aug. 16, 2015**. More details will be published at a later time.

Life-Line Screening

Life-Line Screening will be here at the Parish Center on **Wednesday, August 26th, 2015 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm**. Please watch bulletin for more updates on this upcoming event here.

2015 National Catholic Youth Conference

Plan now to be a part of the 2015 National Catholic Youth Conference! Thousands of teens from all over the country will be coming to Indianapolis on **November 19-21** for this year's event. Details on how to get involved with NCYC are available through the Office of the Catechesis, Ministry to Youth & Young Adults, <http://www.dio.org/youthministry/ncyc>.

Welcoming Jesus Statue Donations

We are still collecting donations for the granite and the brick for the Welcoming Jesus Statue.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

2014 Parish Goals

St. Elizabeth

The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$22,520.00
Amount pledged to date: \$23,963.00
Amount paid to date: \$21,063.00
Pledge balance: \$2,900.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$3,799.00
Amount pledged to date: \$2,300.00
Amount paid to date: \$2,225.00
Pledge balance: \$75.00

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This information current as of 05-21-2015 Parish Master Report

Liturgical Ministry Contacts

St. Elizabeth Parish

Readers: Eileen Hartrich 544-8251

Servers: Father Aloy 544-7526

Art & Environment: Robb Sparks 546-5606

Usher: Ron Mitchell

Our Lady of Lourdes

Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers: Keith Wirey 592-4179

Music & Liturgy: Dorla Shook 592-3893

Servers: Father Aloy 544-7526

Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth ~ Sunday, June 7, 2015

Envelopes \$2,937.00~62 = \$47.45 per envelope
Online ~ 1@ \$50.00

Loose \$365.16 Retired Priests \$5.00 1 env.

Youth Pilgrimage \$73.00 ~9=\$8.11 per env.

Catholic Communications Campaign 1@ \$5.00

Building Fund~\$70.00~5=\$14.00 per env.

Total Deposit \$3,505.16

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Sunday, June 7, 2015

Envelopes \$580.00~16=\$36.25 per env.

Loose \$84.00

Building Fund~\$20.00~2=\$10.00 ea. env.

Youth Pilgrimage~\$15.00~2=\$7.50 ea. Env.

Total Deposit \$699.00

www.GiveCentral.org or go to the Church Website and click on **Donate**.
You can donate to whatever collection you would like to.

All monies donated go directly to St. Elizabeth.

May God bless each and every one of you.